



*Alpharetta*

BIBLE CHURCH

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
THE LORD'S DAY

March 1st, 2026

## WELCOME TO ALPHARETTA BIBLE CHURCH

We are glad you are here to worship the living God! This worship folder is intended to guide you through the service, as well as provide you with devotional material to take home.

It is our hope you will observe four peculiarities about ABC.

First, we endeavor to make our services coherent. As we offer each regulated element of worship, you will notice each element is about ONE subject.

Second, you will notice the hymns we sing may be unfamiliar or “old school.” While we also sing contemporary songs that are sound, we choose music that best reinforces our theme.

Third, it is our desire that you will leave our worship service not just knowing more, but loving the true and living God more.

Lastly, while we are not high church, we do believe that our primary worship service should be done with reverence. We strive to be orderly and structured without being stuffy and non-human. Thank you for joining us.

### SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 10:30 AM

#### Announcements

- **Elder/Deacon nomination recommendations being sought.**
- **Join us for Sunday School - weekly @ 9 AM.**
- **This Thursday @ “3:15-Equipped”:** *Navigating These Postmodern Times*. Starts @ 7 PM. Come early to eat and fellowship!
- **Interested in Church Membership? Click “Connect” on our church website to take the first step.**
- **Would you like to serve the Lord by serving ABC? To volunteer at ABC, visit our website, click “Connect” and complete form or request more information**

## IN PREPARATION

“The only thing we have to fear is fear itself.” Is that true? Is it biblical? We all experience fear but is it the right kind of fear? Did you know God, in His Word, instructs us to conduct ourselves in fear. How can that possibly be good for us? How can that be honoring to the Lord? Let us prepare our hearts for worship this morning by anticipating how this command is actually intended to set our eyes on the means to true freedom.

### Prelude

#### Call to Worship—Psalm 98:4-9

Leader: Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth;  
Break forth and sing for joy and sing praises.

**All: Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,  
With the lyre and the sound of melody.**

Leader: With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
Shout joyfully before the King, the Lord.

**All: Let the sea roar and all it contains,  
The world and those who dwell in it.**

Leader: Let the rivers clap their hands,  
Let the mountains sing together for joy  
Before the Lord, for He is coming to judge the earth;

**All: He will judge the world with righteousness  
And the peoples with equity.**

## Congregational Hymn—Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

### Verse 1

Immortal, invisible,  
God only wise,  
In light inaccessible  
hid from our eyes.  
Most blessed, most glorious,  
the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious,  
Thy great name we praise.

### Verse 2

Unresting, unchanging,  
and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting,  
Thou rulest in might;

Thy justice, like mountains,  
high soaring above  
Thy clouds, which are fountains  
of goodness and love.

### Verse 4

Great Father of glory,  
pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore Thee,  
all veiling their sight;  
All praise we would render;  
O help us to see  
’Tis only the splendor  
of light hideth Thee!

Walter Chalmers Smith

## Prayer for Tithes and Offerings

\*Whether you give online or place your gift in the offertory box, we pause to acknowledge the offering of our gifts to the Lord.

## The Lord’s Supper—Instruction & Reflection

## Corporate Prayer of Confession

O Holy God,

I confess that I have not feared You as I ought.  
My thoughts of You have been small,  
my reverence thin, my awareness of Your holiness dull.

I have spoken of grace without trembling,  
approached Your throne without awe,  
and lived before Your face with casualness  
where there should have been humility.

I have feared men more than You,  
loss more than sin, discomfort more than disobedience.

I confess that I have treated Your kindness  
as permission to relax my vigilance,  
Your patience as tolerance of my carelessness,  
Your mercy as if it erased the need for reverence.

Unite my heart to fear Your name.  
Let my obedience be shaped by reverence,  
my worship marked by awe,  
my life lived as one always before Your eyes.

I ask this not to earn Your favor,  
but because I already have it in Christ,  
who bore my judgment and shed His precious blood  
so that I might fear You rightly and enjoy You forever.

Amen.

## Assurance of Forgiveness—Colossians 2:13–14

<sup>13</sup> When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, <sup>14</sup> having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

## Congregational Hymn—His Mercy Is More

[Chorus]

Praise the Lord,  
His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness,  
new every morn  
Our sins they are many,  
His mercy is more

Verse 1

What love could remember,  
no wrongs we have done  
Omniscient all-knowing,  
He counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea,  
without bottom or shore  
Our sins they are many,  
His mercy is more.

[Chorus]

Verse 3

What riches of kindness,  
He lavished on us  
His blood was the payment,  
His life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt,  
we could never afford  
Our sins they are many,  
His mercy is more

[Chorus]

Praise the Lord,  
His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness,  
new every morn  
Our sins they are many,  
His mercy is more;  
Our sins they are many,  
His mercy is more

Matt Papa

## Confession of Faith

### Chapter 13: Of Sanctification

They who are united to Christ, effectually called, and regenerated, having a new heart and a new spirit created in them through the virtue of Christ's death and resurrection, are also farther sanctified, really and personally,<sup>1</sup> through the same virtue, by His Word and Spirit dwelling in them;<sup>2</sup> the dominion of the whole body of sin is destroyed,<sup>3</sup> and the several lusts of it are more and more weakened and mortified,<sup>4</sup> and they more and more quickened and strengthened in all saving graces,<sup>5</sup> to the practice of all true holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.<sup>6</sup>

**CONT'D**

This sanctification is throughout the whole man,<sup>7</sup> yet imperfect in this life; there abides still some remnants of corruption in every part,<sup>8</sup> wherefrom arises a continual and irreconcilable war; the flesh lusting against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh.<sup>9</sup> In which war, although the remaining corruption for a time may much prevail,<sup>10</sup> yet, through the continual supply of strength from the sanctifying Spirit of Christ, the regenerate part does overcome;<sup>11</sup> and so the saints grow in grace, perfecting holiness in the fear of God, pressing after an heavenly life, in evangelical obedience to all the commands which Christ as Head and King, in His Word has prescribed to them.<sup>12</sup>

1 Acts 20:32; Rom. 6:5–6

2 John 17:17; Eph. 3:16–19; 1 Thess. 5:21–23

3 Rom. 6:14

4 Gal. 5:24

5 Col. 1:11

6 2 Cor. 7:1; Heb. 12:14

7 1 Thess. 5:23

8 Rom. 7:18,23

9 Gal. 5:17; 1 Pet. 2:11

10 Rom. 7:23

11 Rom. 6:14

12 Eph. 4:15–16; 2 Cor. 3:18, 7:1

London Baptist Confession, 1689

## Pastoral Prayer

### Old Testament Scripture Reading—Deuteronomy 10:12-21

<sup>12</sup> “Now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require from you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways and love Him, and to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul,  
<sup>13</sup> and to keep the Lord’s commandments and His statutes which I am commanding you today for your good?

<sup>14</sup> Behold, to the Lord your God belong heaven and the highest heavens, the earth and all that is in it.

<sup>15</sup> Yet on your fathers did the Lord set His affection to love them, and He chose their descendants after them, even you above all peoples, as it is this day.

<sup>16</sup> So circumcise your heart, and stiffen your neck no longer.

<sup>17</sup> For the Lord your God is the God of gods and the Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God who does not show partiality nor take a bribe.

**CONT'D**

<sup>18</sup> He executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and shows His love for the alien by giving him food and clothing.

<sup>19</sup> So show your love for the alien, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt.

<sup>20</sup> You shall fear the Lord your God; you shall serve Him and cling to Him, and you shall swear by His name.

<sup>21</sup> He is your praise and He is your God, who has done these great and awesome things for you which your eyes have seen.

## Congregational Hymn—Behold Our God

Verse 1

Who has held the oceans  
in His hands?  
Who has numbered  
ev'ry grain of sand?  
Kings and nations  
tremble at His voice.  
All creation rises to rejoice.

[Chorus]

Behold our God,  
seated on His throne.  
Come let us adore Him.  
Behold our King,  
nothing can compare.  
Come let us adore Him!

Verse 2

Who has given counsel  
to the Lord?  
Who can question

any of His words?  
Who can teach the One  
who knows all things?  
Who can fathom  
all His wondrous deeds?

[Chorus]

Verse 3

Who has felt the nails  
upon His hands,  
Bearing all the guilt  
of sinful man?  
God eternal,  
humbled to the grave.  
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

[Chorus]

Ryan Baird, Jonathan Baird, Meghan Baird,  
and Stephen Altrogge

## New Testament Scripture Reading—2 Corinthians 6:18-7:1

<sup>18</sup> “And I will be a father to you,  
And you shall be sons and daughters to Me,”  
Says the Lord Almighty.

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves  
from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of  
God.

### Prayer: Prepare Our Hearts

### Congregational Song of Preparation—Speak O Lord

Verse 2

Teach us, Lord, full obedience  
Holy reverence, true humility  
Test our thoughts  
and our attitudes  
In the radiance of Your purity

Cause our faith to rise,  
cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority  
Words of pow'r  
that can never fail  
Let their truth prevail  
over unbelief

Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

### Preaching of the Word—

**“Your Fear”**  
**1 Peter 1:17-21**

Todd Friel

### Song of Response—Worthy Is the Lamb

Worthy is the Lamb  
that was slain;  
Worthy is the Lamb  
that was slain.  
Worthy is the Lamb  
that was slain, to receive  
Power and riches  
and wisdom and strength,

Honor and glory and blessing!  
Worthy is the Lamb,  
Worthy is the Lamb,  
Worthy is the Lamb  
that was slain.  
Worthy is the Lamb!

Revelation 5:12; adpt. Don Wyrzten

## Commission

### Benediction

“Now may the God of our salvation keep you steadfast in holiness, filling your hearts with reverent awe and fear of the Lord, that your lives may honor Him in every word and deed.” (2 Cor. 7:1; Heb. 12:28–29)

Assisting in Worship: Preaching - Pastor Todd Friel; Service Leader - Pastor Jason Allen;  
Musicians: Piano - Francine Lowe; Song Leaders - Elisabeth Lowe, Jennifer Snowden,  
Lindsay White, Lauren Glosson

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Prayer of Confession - Anonymous

## SERMON NOTES

List the six glorious truths that should motivate our wholehearted holiness.

1.

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3.

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5.

6.

List the six missional responses of the one who is in Christ.

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

What is the seventh missional response to the gospel?

**What are the two correct motivations for being holy:**

\_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord.

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**Do you need to reconsider how/if you have been fearing the Lord and calibrate your fear?**

**Can you think of one area of your life where you fear man? If so, what can you do to increase your fear of the Lord to diminish your fear of man?**

**In humble reliance upon the Word of God and prayer,  
Alpharetta Bible Church is committed to worshipping God, making  
disciples, loving and serving the body of Christ  
so that we will be moved from  
brokenness to wholeness.**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**

Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.  
Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

**Thursday Night Bible Study**  
7:00 p.m.

**LEADERSHIP**

**Todd Friel, Pastor**

**Todd Armistead, Deacon**

**Jason Allen, Pastor**

**Brooks Clark, Deacon**

**Steve Howerton, Deacon**

**Kenny Robillard, Deacon**

**Biblical Counseling**  
**Ladies - Libby Glosson**  
**Men - Dave Covalli**

If you have a prayer need or need to speak with a pastor,  
they will be available following the morning service.

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